

CLAIMS

1. An apparatus for determining ear fluid viscosity, the apparatus including:
a transducer operable to transceive a signal to interact with a fluid-
containing portion of the ear; and
means for determining the viscosity of the fluid using the transceived
5 signal.

2. An apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the means for determining
the viscosity includes means for determining signal amplitude.

3. An apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the means for determining
includes means for determining whether the viscosity is indicative of an ear
disorder.

4. A method of determining ear fluid viscosity, the method including:
operating a transducer to transceive a signal that interacts with a portion
of an ear that contains fluid; and
determining a viscosity of the fluid using the transceived signal.

5. A method as set forth in claim 4, wherein the step of determining the
viscosity includes determining signal amplitude.

6. A method as set forth in claim 4, wherein the step of determining the viscosity includes determining whether the viscosity is indicative of an ear disorder.